

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 895

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to commend Martha Bowser upon her receipt of the Westmoreland Citizen of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Martha Bowser is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, an astute and dedicated community leader, Mrs. Bowser was recently named as Westmoreland Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a 1982 graduate of Westmoreland High School (WHS), she has devoted her time and energies to several local organizations through the years, including the Westmoreland Jaycees, for which she served as Treasurer until the group disbanded in 1999; the Library Board, for which she served as Representative; and the Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, she has also lent her superb leadership to serving as the Secretary/Treasurer of Amazing Grace Ministries, in which position she helped feed over 100 elderly citizens hot meals twice a week and ran routes delivering food throughout the community; she frequently purchased food for people in need with her own money, and she continued this service even after Amazing Grace closed its doors; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Westmoreland Rotary Club, Mrs. Bowser has worked diligently in the club's efforts to bring the joy of Christmas to many children in the area and to provide an opportunity for one WHS senior to attend college through its scholarship program; and

WHEREAS, a woman of integrity who embodies the best of her community, Martha Bowser is a familiar fixture in all three Westmoreland schools, as she has been an active participant and volunteer for the last ten years; on Friday nights, she can often be seen working the concession stand for the WHS Quarterback Club; and

WHEREAS, a devout woman of faith, Mrs. Bowser is a devoted member of the Westmoreland First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Martha Bowser is grateful for the love and companionship of her husband, Wayne, with whom she owns and runs Bowser Anderson Insurance Agency; the couple has two children, Wayne David II and Darby Caroline; and

WHEREAS, this much-deserved honor will be celebrated at the Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Thursday, March 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Mrs. Bowser who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body find it appropriate to recognize Martha Bowser for her unwavering commitment to others, her astute leadership in the Westmoreland community, and her many positive contributions to this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate and commend Martha Bowser upon her receipt of the Westmoreland Citizen of the Year Award and offer our best wishes for her every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.